# THE WOODLANDS TOWNSHIP BOARD OF DIRECTORS

#### TOWN HALL MEETING

JULY 27, 2011

**MINUTES** 

# THE STATE OF TEXAS § COUNTIES OF HARRIS & MONTGOMERY §

The Board of Directors of The Woodlands Township, met in special session, open to the public, on July 27, 2011, posted to begin at 7:00 p.m. A Town Hall Meeting was held at the Emergency Training Center, 16135 IH 45 South, The Woodlands, Texas, within the boundaries of The Woodlands Township.

**DIRECTORS PRESENT:** Vice Chairman Lloyd Matthews, Secretary Claude Hunter, Treasurer Ed Robb,

Director Nelda Blair, Director Tom Campbell, and Director Peggy Hausman

**DIRECTORS ABSENT:** Chairman Bruce Tough

STAFF/ADVISORS: Don Norrell, President/General Manager, Monique Sharp, Assistant General

Manager of Finance & Administration, Fire Chief Alan Benson, Susan Welbes, Director of Human Resources, Nick Wolda, Director of Community Relations/CVB President, Miles McKinney, Legislative Affairs & Transportation Manager, Karen Dempsey, Management Analyst, and Mary Connell,

Community Relations Manager

Note: Vice Chairman Matthews presided as Chair.

#### PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

Vice Chairman Matthews called on Ted Stanley, President of College Park Village Association, to make a presentation. Mr. Stanley presented seven sets of flags to Fire Chief Windham and Fire Chief Bittner on behalf of all the Village Associations and Woodforest Investment Services. The flags will be placed in all the meeting rooms at the Training Center. Mr. Stanley noted that one flag set was generously donated by Everett Ison, District Commander of American Legion Post 305. Following the presentation, Mr. Stanley led the pledge of allegiance.

### CALL TO ORDER;

Vice Chairman Matthews next called the meeting to order at 7:35 p.m. and declared that notice of this meeting was posted 72 hours in advance at the Courthouses of Montgomery and Harris Counties and inside the boundaries of The Woodlands Township at the office building located at 10001 Woodloch Forest Drive, The Woodlands, Texas. As there was a quorum of members present, the Board proceeded to conduct business regarding the following matters.

## CONSIDER AND ACT UPON ADOPTION OF MEETING AGENDA;

Vice Chairman Matthews called for a motion and second to adopt the meeting agenda.

MOTION: Secretary Hunter moved to adopt the agenda; second by Director Blair

VOTE: Ayes: Vice Chairman Matthews

Secretary Hunter Treasurer Robb Director Blair Director Campbell Director Hausman

Nays: None Abstentions: None Absent: Chairman Tough

ACTION: Motion passed unanimously (6-0).

#### RECOGNIZE PUBLIC OFFICIALS;

None

# PRESENTATION OVERVIEW OF THE 2012 OPERATING BUDGET AND FIVE-YEAR PLAN FOR THE WOODLANDS TOWNSHIP;

Vice Chairman Matthews stated that the Town Hall meeting would begin with an overview of the proposed 2012 budget which was presented to the Township Board of Directors at a budget workshop meeting on the previous day, July 26, 2011.

The Chair then provided the meeting dates and times for two Public Hearings: Public Hearing #1-August 11 at 6 PM and Public Hearing #2-August 16 at 7 PM to be held at the Township Service Center at 2201 Lake Woodlands Drive.

Vice Chairman Matthews noted that at the conclusion of the budget presentation, the meeting would be open to public comment and discussion. Following Vice Chairman Matthews' comments, Monique Sharp was called on to provide an overview of the proposed 2012 budget and five year plan.

Ms. Sharp gave a PowerPoint presentation which covered an overview of the consolidated budget, sources of revenues, expenditures, debt service and capital projects. A tax rate of 32.5 cents per \$100 valuation was discussed which would collect approximately \$40.5 million in property tax revenue. Property tax revenue would be used to pay for community policy, covenant enforcement, parks and pathways, aquatics, neighborhood services, garbage collection, community maintenance, administrative costs. Property tax revenue would also be used to fund capital outlay not funded by bond proceeds, debt service and community relations.

Revenues projected to be \$33.6 million in sales tax collection, would help fund The Woodlands Fire Department, Regional Participation Agreements with Houston and Conroe, Economic Development Zone debt service, Town Center security, The Woodlands Convention and Visitors Bureau activities, community events promotion as well as economic development promotion and approximately 28 percent of community service costs.

Ms. Sharp also noted that additional law enforcement staff, in both Montgomery County and Harris County, is planned for in the budget for the opening of The Woodlands Fire Department Station 7.

Ms. Sharp's PowerPoint presentation is attached hereto as Exhibit "A".

### PUBLIC DISCUSSION; AND

Following Ms. Sharp's presentation, Vice Chairman Matthews opened the floor to public comment and discussion. Approximately twenty people provided public comment on a variety of topics, including the 2012 proposed budget, law enforcement, new roads, waterway cruisers and trolleys, community maintenance, and general development of The Woodlands.

#### ADJOURN:

As there was no further business to discuss, Vice Chairman Matthews called for a motion and second to adjourn the meeting at 9:20 p.m.

MOTION: Secretary Hunter moved to adjourn the meeting; second by Director Blair

VOTE:

Ayes: Vice Chairman Matthews

Secretary Hunter Treasurer Robb Director Blair Director Campbell Director Hausman

Nays: None

Abstentions: None

Absent: Chairman Tough
ACTION: Motion passed unanimously (6-0).

Claude Hunter

Secretary, Board of Directors

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# **EXHIBIT OMISSIONS\***

# **EXHIBIT "A"**

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